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COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits the partial European search report under Rule 46(1) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application.

Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the following:

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See also OJ EPO 06/1999, 405.

Moreover, the Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the provisions of the European Patent Convention to such an extent that it is not possible to carry out a meaningful search into the state of the art on the basis of some of the claims; reference is made to sheet C, which is attached to the search report.

The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to the present communication.

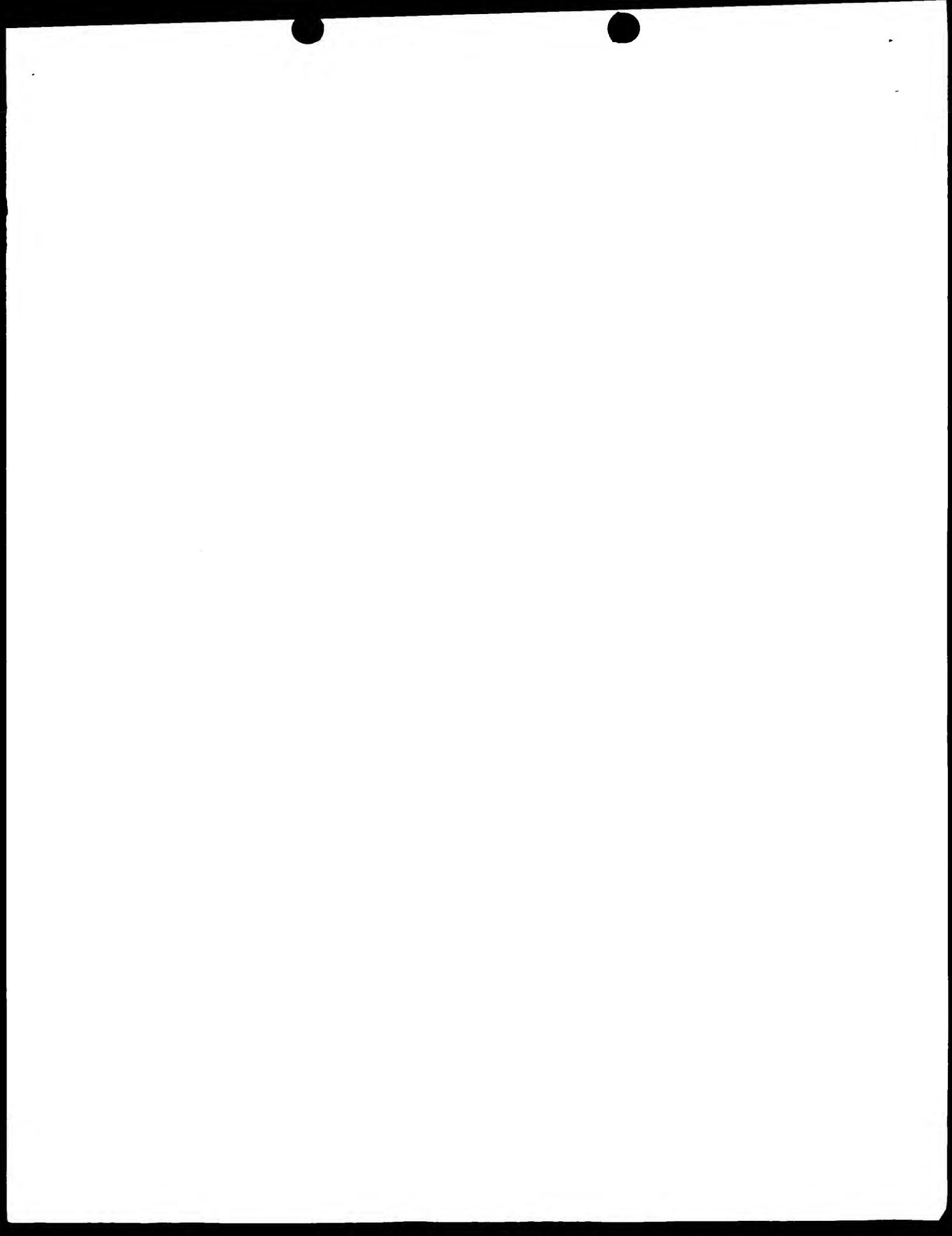
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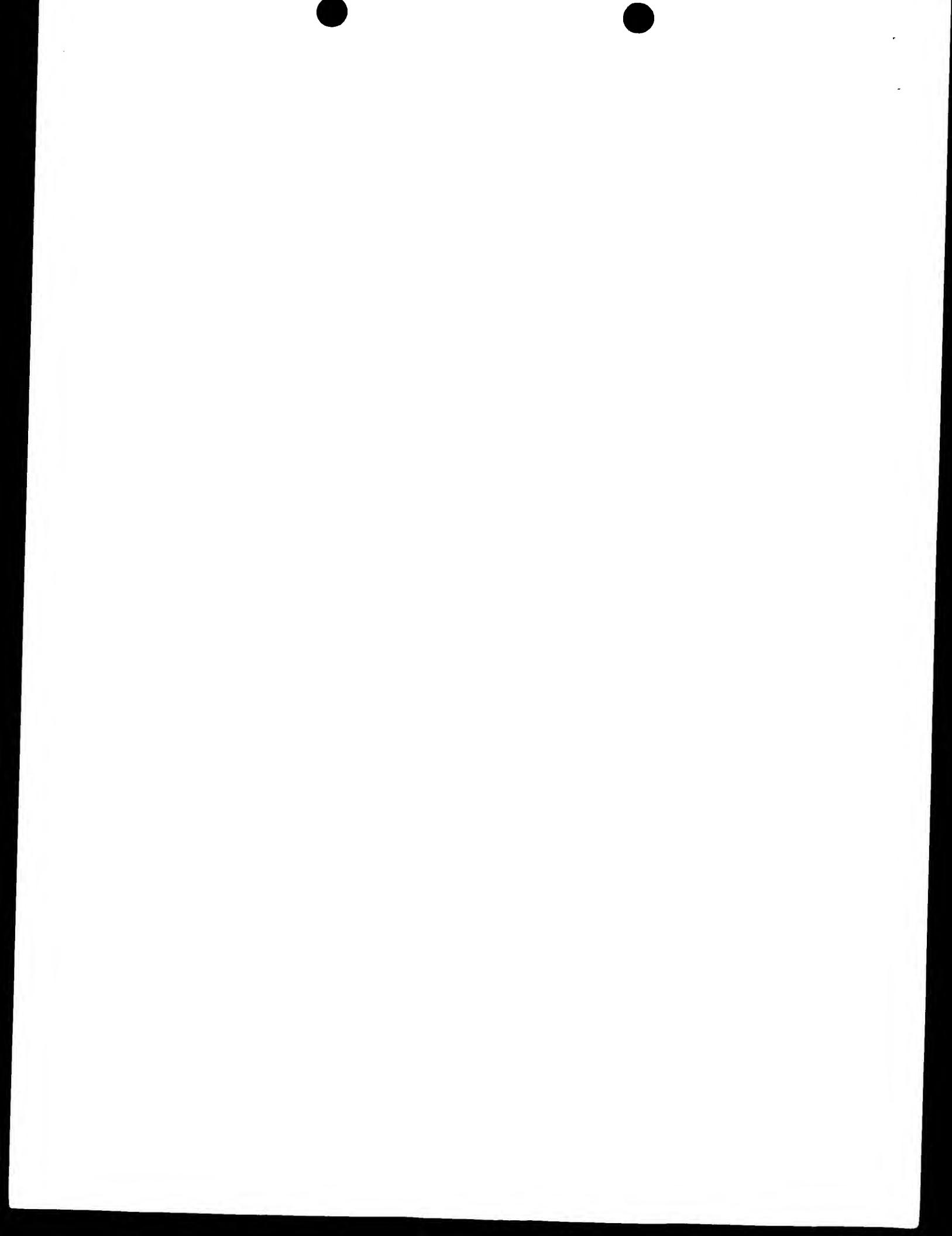
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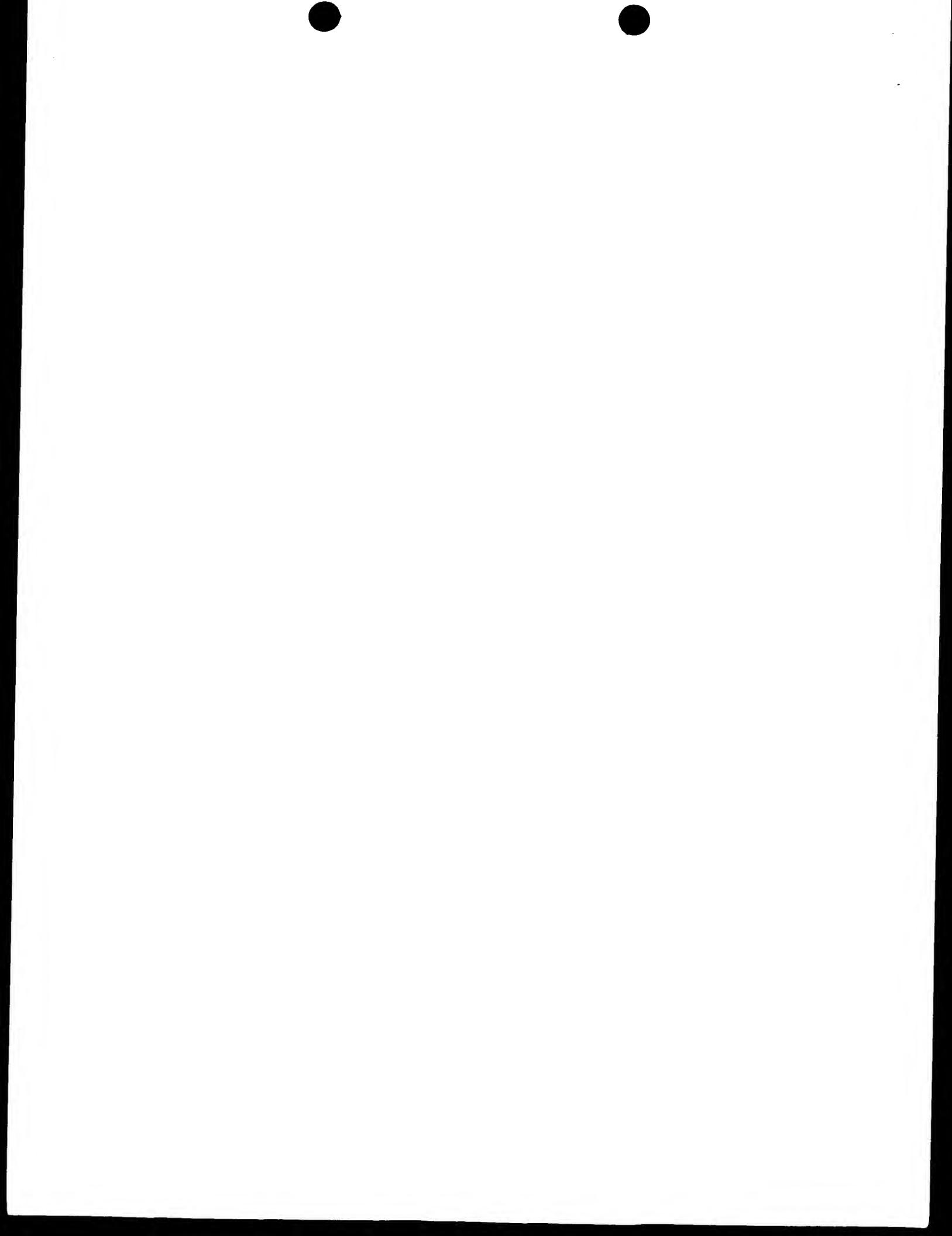
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION			
The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:			
see sheet B			
The present partial European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims.			
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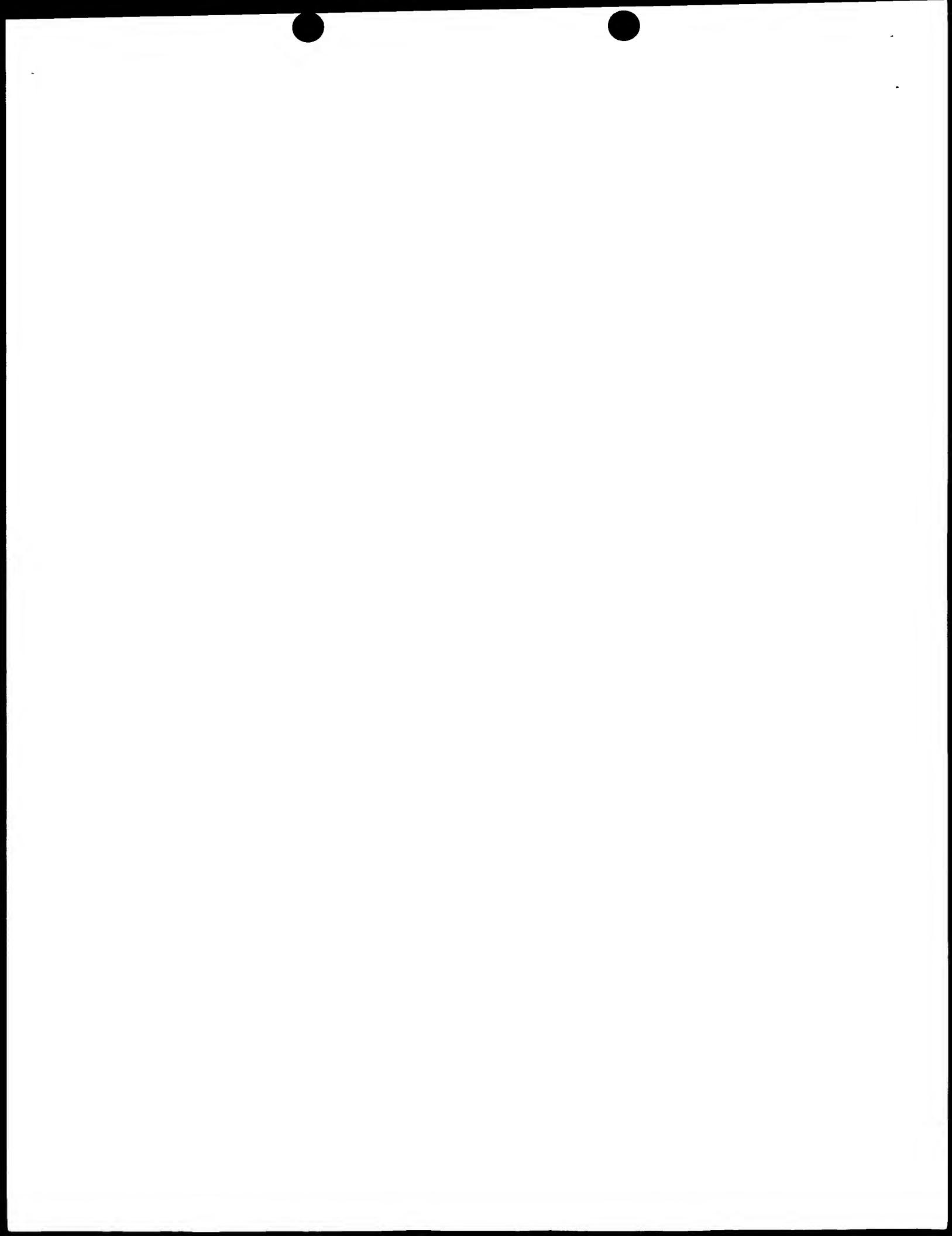


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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-24, 28-32 (all totally) and 25-27 (all partially)

1.1. Claims: 1-24,
28-32 (all totally) and 25-27 (all
partially)

Method for inducing a psoriasis-like syndrome in an animal, the method comprising the steps of transferring CD45Rb cells and administering at least one pro-inflammatory cytokine and at least one polyclonal activating agent; said method wherein said cytokine is IL-12; screening method employing said method for inducing a psoriasis-like syndrome in an animal; animal model obtained; Use of anti-IL12 antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

1.2. Claims: 25-27 (all partially)

Use of anti-E selectin antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

1.3. Claims: 25-27 (all partially)

Use of anti-P selectin antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

2. Claims: 25-27 (all partially)

Use of anti-IFNgamma antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

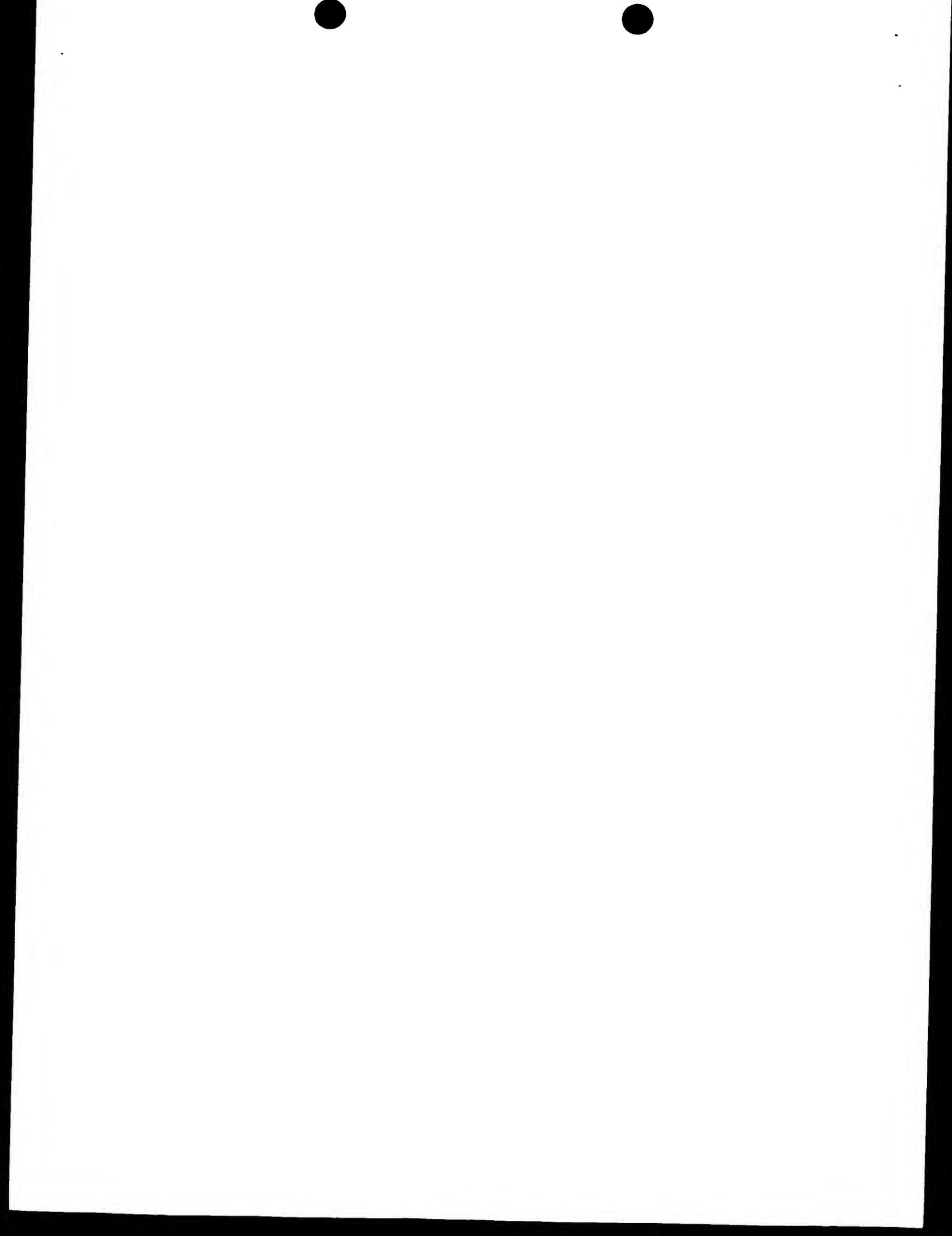
3. Claims: 25-27 (all partially)

Use of anti-CD3 antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

4. Claims: 25-27 (all partially)

Use of anti-alphaE integrin antibody in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating psoriasis.

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.





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**INCOMPLETE SEARCH
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Although claims 25-27 and 29-32 are directed to methods of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds/compositions.

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT
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